

## **Work Group Meeting Abstracts – March and April 2003**

### **Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group – March 24, 2003**

- Received status updates on all studies and discussed review and comment process for interim and draft reports.
- Reviewed progress on Fuel Load Management study (SP-L5) and confirmed that the study is not intended to result in a fuel load management plan; however, a proposed resource action could be developed that includes a plan.
- Reviewed progress on Land Use (SP-L1) and Land Management (SP-L2) and discussed integration of information. Reviewed land use categories and recommended splitting 'Recreation' into developed and passive components, and revising the 'Vegetation' category to be more descriptive of land uses.
- Finalized list of Key Observation Points (KOPs) for use in Aesthetics study (SP-L4).
- The next Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group meeting: Monday, April 21, 2003, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., location to be determined.

### **Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group – April 21, 2003**

- Discussed fuel load reduction techniques described in SP-L5.
- Discussed history and status of grazing lease in the Project Area adjacent to the Diversion Pool. Lease is for five years and expires in 2004. DPR expressed concern regarding cow/human interactions in recreation areas.
- Updated on BLM land transfer process. If BLM land is transferred, additional studies would be required (cultural, geology, timber, sensitive species). Discussed how land transfer is related to relicensing and asked for clarification on relationship.
- Reviewed revised land use classification scheme.
- Discussed need for additional photographs indicating higher pool elevations and decided to label the photographs with pool elevations rather than descriptors 'high' and 'low'.
- Informed of Modeling Workshop scheduled for June.
- The next Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group meeting: Monday, May 19, 2003, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Sacramento with videoconference available from Oroville.

### **Environmental Work Group – March 26, 2003**

- Updated on status of Section 10 process: DWR filed for permit with NOAA Fisheries to monitor distribution and movement of spring run Chinook salmon. NOAA usually needs 130 days to process permits but is trying to expedite.
- Received report that summarizes information relative to predation that will come from other fishery studies.
- Received update on Plenary Group activities, including development of rosters and placards to be used during any call for consensus.
- Informed of Plenary Group approval for Resource Action Information Form.
- Received updates on study plans SP-F3.1, SP-T9, SP-T1, SP-F2, SP-F10, and SP-F3.2.
- Discussed table developed by DWR that condenses information from the Resource Action Information Form for ease of comparison and grouping.
- Discussed information and draft resource actions for the lower Feather River downstream of the Afterbay Outlet to the confluence with the Sacramento River.
- Discussed the use of attribute drivers to assist in evaluation of potential resource actions.
- The next Environmental Work Group meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2003, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Oroville Field Division.

**Environmental Work Group – April 23, 2003**

- Received update on benchmark scenarios for operations model runs.
- Discussed modifications to study methodologies.
- Received updates on study plans SP-T7, SP-F10, SP-F1, SP-G1, SP-G2, SP-F9, SP-W2, and SP-W7.
- Discussed revised Draft Resource Action Matrix and added columns. Suggested that goal narrative be organized by the same headings.
- Discussed Draft Attribute Table.
- Initiated two task forces, Fisheries and Terrestrial, to focus on technical aspects of specific resource actions.
- The next Environmental Work Group meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2003, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Oroville Field Division.

**Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group – March 27, 2003**

- Received update on Riverbend Park activities: construction anticipated to begin in spring 2004.
- Received study plans updates on SP-R4 and SP-R5.
- Discussed needs analysis and compressed schedule for resource action development.
- Discussed process for submitting and reviewing potential resource actions and difficulty for agencies that must tie resource actions to supporting data.
- Agreed that all mutually agreeable actions should be identified.
- JPA confirmed that it is not developing a separate recreation management plan.
- Agreed to review proposed resource actions by geographic area.
- Next Work Group meeting: Thursday, April 24, 2003, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., Kelly Ridge Meeting Room.

**Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group – April 24, 2003**

- Received update on Recreation Needs Analysis, SP-R17.
- Reviewed and revised proposed geographic reaches developed to assist in the focused discussion of proposed resource actions.
- Discussed and revised matrix developed by DWR to categorize proposed resource actions.
- Received notice of Modeling Workshop planned for June.
- Next Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group meeting: May 22, 2003, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., Kelly Ridge Meeting Room.

**Engineering and Operations Work Group – March 28, 2003**

- Received update on the development of 'bookend' model runs to frame the impacts to resources: discussed the role of proposed resource actions in determining model scenarios.
- Received update on development of the temperature model.
- Received update on development of the flow stage model.
- Next Engineering and Operations Work Group meeting: April 25, 2003, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Oroville Field Division.

**Engineering and Operations Work Group – April 25, 2003**

- DWR confirmed that Standard Project Flood (SPF) would not be updated as part of the relicensing effort.
- Reviewed process for development and submittal of Resource Action Identification Forms.
- Received update on the development of the local operations model, HYDROPS.
- Received notice of modeling workshop scheduled for June.
- Reviewed and discussed flow stage modeling and temperature modeling.
- Reviewed proposed bookend model runs.

- Agreed to replace May Work Group meeting with an e-mail update from DWR.
- Next Engineering and Operations Work Group meeting: June 27, 2003, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., location to be determined.
- **NOTE: The May Engineering and Operations Work Group meeting was re-scheduled for May 30, 2003. 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Oroville Field Division.**

#### **Cultural Resources Work Group – April 15, 2003**

- Received overview of current status of the inventory including prehistoric and ethnographic efforts.
- Received update from Maidu Advisory Council regarding Foreman Creek area and debris collection at McCabe Creek area.
- Reviewed process for development and submittal of Resource Action Identification Forms.
- Used Issue Tracker as starting point to discuss potential resource actions already identified.
- Reviewed Resource Action Identification Forms completed by DWR and consulting team.
- Next Cultural Resources Work Group meeting: May 13, 2003, 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Mooretown Rancheria.

#### **Cultural Resources Work Group – May 13, 2003**

- Received update on inventory efforts including development of an inventory report for public distribution.
- Received update from Maidu Advisory Council regarding visit to West Sacramento facility.
- Reviewed and revised Cultural Resource Action Worksheet and prioritized the potential resource actions using high, medium, and low designations.
- Next Cultural Resources Work Group meeting: June 17, 2003, 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm, location to be determined.